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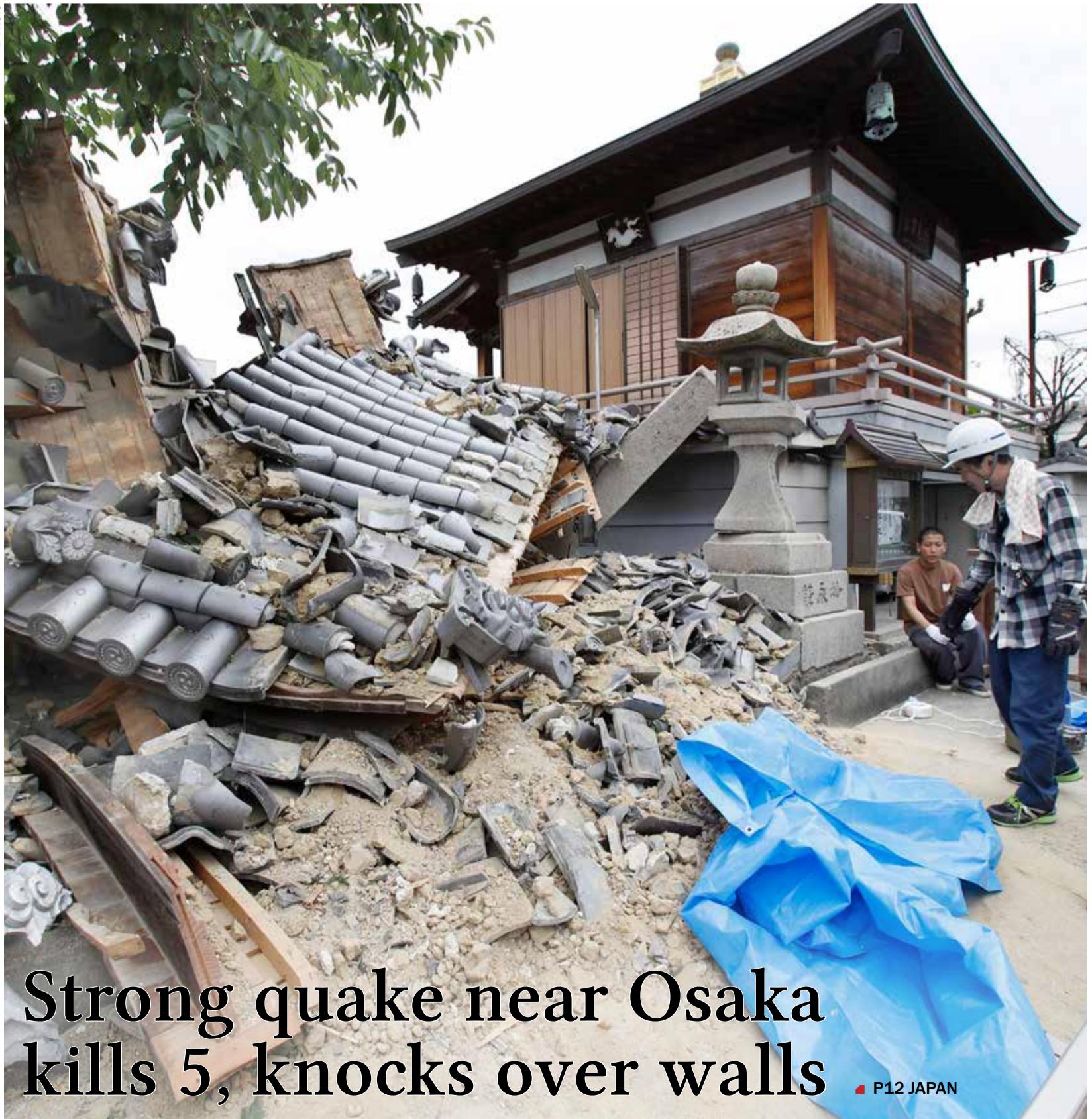
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Daniela Wei

THEY'RE not quite casinos, but they're pretty close - and they could be coming to China sooner than some expected.

On the tropical island of Hainan, at least five Chinese-owned resorts are laying the groundwork for so-called entertainment bars, where players put down real money on games but receive their winnings in the form of points that can be redeemed in local shops, restaurants and hotels, according to people with direct knowledge of the plans. The resorts' owners have contacted suppliers of baccarat tables, drawn up blueprints to convert ballrooms into gaming floors and held informal discussions with Hainan officials in recent months, the people said, asking not to be identified discussing private information.

While China currently outlaws casinos outside Macau, the resorts are betting that Hainan will win an exemption for entertainment bars as part of a government push to turn the island known as "China's Hawaii" about 2,700 kilometers south of Beijing into a major tourist destination. If they're right, it would mark another big shift in the country's approach to gaming after officials unveiled landmark measures to promote horse racing and sports lotteries in Hainan two months ago.

It's unclear whether provincial and national authorities would sign off on such projects - also known as "cashless casinos" - and they've given no public indication that a policy change is imminent. But the recent flurry of activity follows a favorable court ruling on entertainment bars in December, which was interpreted by some observers as an official stamp of approval.

"From our conversations with people on the ground, they are positively excited about the changes that appear to be coming through soon," said Ben Lee, a Macau-based managing partner at consultancy IGamiX, which has been working with developers in Hainan for a decade. Entertainment bars "would undoubtedly draw mainlanders who have never been overseas to try gaming," he said.

The games could provide a boost to Hainan's tourism-related businesses, while at the same time allowing regulators to avoid many of the money-laundering and capital-out-

GAMING

Chinese resorts quietly setting up baccarat tables in Hainan

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View of Sanya, Hainan

flow risks associated with traditional gambling operations. Entertainment bars are unlikely to appeal to China's high rollers, but they could lure casual punters who dislike the hassle of obtaining visas and foreign currencies for overseas trips.

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A green light from authorities would probably unnerve investors in casino enclaves like Macau, the Philippines and Cambodia that rely heavily on Chinese customers. While the short-term competitive threat from Hainan would be manageable, that could change if entertainment bars pave the way for an eventual approval

of full-blown casinos on the island.

"We may see more interesting developments in the next five to ten years," Lee said.

Government representatives in Hainan and Beijing didn't respond to faxed requests for comment.

An index of Macau casino operators fell as much as 3.4 percent yesterday, the steepest decline in four months. SJM Holdings Ltd. decreased 5.6 percent, Wynn Macau Ltd. lost 4 percent and Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. fell 3.5 percent in Hong Kong trading.

Entertainment bars have a checkered history in Hainan. They debuted on the island about five years ago, at the Sanya Bay Mangrove Resort Hotel, where guests could play games including baccarat and swap their winnings for things like hotel rooms, iPads and jewelry.

But that operation was shut down in 2014 as local prosecutors accused the resort of breaking the law. Several other Hainan resorts were also forced to put their plans for entertainment bars on hold.

It took several years for the Mangrove case to work its way through China's legal system, but in December, a Hainan

court ruled that the resort's gaming operation didn't break the law after all, according to a court filing posted on a government website.

In another sign of China's evolving stance, an online version of the points-based gaming model is now being tested by a sports-betting platform in Hainan that's backed by organizations affiliated with the provincial and central governments. Called the Hainan



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International Tourism Island Sports and Gaming Entertainment Project, it will allow players to deposit funds from their AliPay or WePay accounts into a smartphone app and use the money to wager on soccer and basketball games. Winnings can only be spent at select locations, mainly in Hainan, according to Yan Zhi, the project's founder.

Still, it's unclear whether China's leaders will ultimately sign off on entertainment bars, according to Margaret Huang, an analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence in Hong Kong.

"The government will face challenges to decide their attitude toward a gambling-themed model," she said. "The balance between regulation and economic development is hard."

Some observers say the time is ripe for a change. Entertainment bars would not only dovetail with Chinese President Xi Jinping's efforts to boost Hainan's economy, they would also help the country develop more homegrown champions in the consumer services sector - another government priority. While the bulk of gambling revenue in Macau still goes to foreign casino owners like Las Vegas Sands Corp. and MGM Resorts International, Chinese resorts have a dominant presence in Hainan.

To get a feel for the resorts' optimism that entertainment bars will make a comeback, one only has to walk by the ballroom that housed the Mangrove's gaming operations back in 2013. Instead of converting the giant space into something new, the resort simply covered it with a black curtain, which could presumably be quickly removed if policy makers give the go ahead. Representatives at the resort declined to comment.

"It's now a consensus among companies and businessmen in Hainan," said Liu Feng, director of the Hainan Normal University Free Trade Port Research Center. "The expectation is for looser policies and a more open business environment, to build Hainan into an international tourism and consumption destination." Bloomberg

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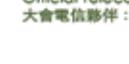
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TOURISM

Tiny Penghu archipelago is one of Taiwan's best kept secrets

Julie Zhu*

INVITED by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Macau, a group of 20 local media representatives have visited the Penghu archipelago in Taiwan. Penghu is located on the Taiwan Strait between China and Taiwan. During periods of low tide, more than one hundred isles surface in the Penghu County.

The total area of more than 90 isles is around 127 square kilometers. There are 19 isles populated, while 71 isles are uninhabited, spanning a total area of approximately 3 square kilometers.

The coastline of Penghu is crooked and extends along 448 kilometers. Besides the common cape bays, people can also see wave-erosion cliffs and sandy and rocky coast landforms along the coastal area.

During last week's trip to Penghu, the Macau group visited

some of its well-known attractions, including Kuibishan, the Penghu Rainbow Bridge, and many of the places in Penghu that are commonly visited by the local community.

The media group also met with Penghu County Magistrate Chen Kuang-fu. Chen hopes that the SARs residents can visit Penghu for both the place's natural attractions and its gastronomy.

"Penghu is the world's most beautiful bay. This year, the annual Most Beautiful Bays in the World Club will be held in Penghu. 41 regions in the world are part of this club," said Chen. "The Most Beautiful Bays focus primarily on the weather and ecology. Penghu is the only county in Taiwan having participated in the Club," he added.

"In September, we hope that all you [SAR residents and media groups] can come to attend the 2018 World Congress of the Most Beautiful Bays in the World," declared Chen.

Having invited the SAR residents to visit Penghu County, Chen highlighted Penghu's good weather, clean environment, and the county's hospitality, in addition to the unique basalt landscape, which represents the main landscape in Penghu County.

When talking to the media, Chen suggested that they spend some time in Penghu and enjoy the stunning fireworks displayed above the sea, which, Chen believes, will leave the visiting group with unforgettable memories.

In September, besides the Most Beautiful Bays conference, which will be organized in Penghu, the County will further prepare a series of activities, including the Global Gulf and Harbor City Summit, the Global City Expo, the Summit Forum on Marine Environment and Climate Change, and the world's night of bays, yachts exhibition, food exhibition, tourism pageant, triathlon, among other events.

Moreover, according to Chen's

introduction, from August until December, direct charter flights from Hong Kong to Penghu will operate twice a week.

"In April and May, we already had several flights between Hong Kong and Penghu," informed Chen, adding, "it will also be convenient for those visiting Penghu who are departing from Macau. The flight lasts one hour and 15 minutes. We welcome you [Macau and Hong Kong residents] to come to Penghu."

Chen hopes that, through these flights, more international tourists, including Hong Kong and Macau residents, can be appealed to visit Penghu, while simultaneously promoting Penghu's beauty to the world.

"Tourists who come to Penghu say that it is beautiful. We also think Penghu is beautiful," said Chen. According to him, during northeast monsoons, floating objects will arrive in Penghu, but the county has always effectively cleaned these drifts.

"There are more than 90 islands in Penghu. There are also two beaches which are completely white-sand beaches. The 90 isles consist all in basalt landscapes," said Chen.

During his introduction to the media, Chen noted that Penghu County, in the past, allowed tourists to set foot upon one of Penghu's islands.

However, because several tourists littered across the islands, eventually turning them into "big trash bins", Penghu County decided to ban entry to the island, thus allowing tourists to only see the natural landscape from afar, in order to protect the natural environment.

Commenting on the archipelago's nature, Chen said that Penghu encourages people to "bring sleeping bags, to lay on the beach, to observe the stars, and to watch the fireworks."

In total, Penghu has 19 historic sites, eight museum exhibitions, two ancient temples, and 57 recreations, including several beaches. Penghu also has six military historic sites, and 19 geological sites.

The county, which is currently inhabited by around 101,000 people, is a clean place with a strong dedication towards saving water, as the Penghu county faces water shortages.

Penghu has also been carrying out tourism business to take advantage of its rich natural and cultural resources, which make Penghu an ideal location for the development of the tourist trade.

The Taiwan government has been cooperating with the Penghu national scenic management office to promote the tourist trade, and has invested a great deal of effort to attract international and domestic investments, as well as to bolster local prosperity, and reduce population outflow.

Currently, there are international and domestic organizations that have already invested money in the construction of a five-star international tourist resort.

*The journalist was in Taiwan at the invitation of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Macau

Taipei encourages citizens to boycott some airlines

TAIWAN will encourage its people to boycott airline companies that list the island as a Chinese territory on their websites, the Financial Times (FT) reported.

Such listings come after recent pressure from Beijing that called on several international entities from different sectors, namely transport and logistics, to change the way they address the region.

In response, and following the call-to-action from

central government authorities, several major international airlines changed Taiwan's designation on their websites and other relevant documents to "Taiwan, China" over the last few weeks.

Now, Taiwanese authorities seem to be eager to fight back, calling on their fellow citizens to boycott such airline companies.

"We will tell our people: Those are the airlines that caved in to China, it is your choice [whether to

use them or not]," David Lee, Secretary-General of Taiwan's National Security Council, said to the FT.

The same Taiwanese official noted that the idea of boycotting the airlines comes as a countermeasure against what he classified as "Beijing's excessive aggressiveness," advancing also that a legal action against the companies that are labeling Taiwan as part of China is not ruled out, although he admitted that it would be "a complex pro-

cess and may take two to three years" to reach a ruling.

Still, Lee noted the will of the island to "fight back," saying, "we won't just sit idle here."

As previously reported by the Times, in April, China's aviation regulator issued a statement calling on airline companies to remove all references on their websites as well as in other material that could suggest that Taiwan, and the SARs were countries.

The initial deadline for the companies to act was settled for May 25, later extended to the end of this month.

According to a report from Singapore-based Straits Times, the Singapore flag carrier Singapore Airlines as well as its low-cost subsidiary Scoot were two of the companies to immediately comply with Beijing's request.

Australia's Qantas, Air Canada, Air France, Germany's Lufthansa, British Airways and Emirates were

among several companies that already reportedly changed their websites according to Chinese rules, while Macau flag carrier, Air Macau, continues to refer to Taiwan as previously, using "Taiwan, China" in the Chinese version of the website and naming it "Taiwan District" in the English language.

On the other hand, Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific mentions the region as solely Taiwan in both English and Chinese versions. RM

Taishan nuclear power plant operation starts

TAISHAN nuclear power plant in Guangdong province began its operation earlier this month, the Unitary Police Service confirmed yesterday. "Data from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) shows that the reactor has reached first criticality, the point at which a nuclear reaction begins, on June 6, although CGN Power, the plant's major shareholder, did not officially announce the start-up on its website," the report reads.

China's National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA) conducted a safety inspection at Unit 1 of the Taishan nuclear power plant earlier this month, having pointed out six major issues concerning said unit.

NNSA suggested that the Taishan Nuclear Power Joint Venture "enhances skill training of operators in order to reduce human error."

According to NNSA's inspec-



The Taishan nuclear power plant

tion report, the six major issues are related to malfunctions such as "failure of reactor monitoring systems, and human error in responding to false alarms."

Last year, one of the key power generation system components of Unit 1 of the Taishan nuclear power plant cracked during an earlier pre-production test, according to a report by the same news agency.

"A 'boiler' in Unit 1 appeared to have cracked during functional testing and must be replaced, according to a nuclear plant employee," the FactWire News Agency report reads.

Last year, members of the civil society had asked the MSAR government to clarify issues related to the emergency plan and possible risks posed by the nuclear plant to Macau's po-

pulation. A local delegation visited the nuclear plant to check the safety of the infrastructure.

The head of the Security Forces Coordination Office, Choi Lai Hang, led the local delegation and explained that Macau would not require protective measures, even in the event of a very serious nuclear incident (level 7) at the Taishan nuclear power plant.

Chui affirms importance of public's opinions

THE Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On said on Monday that the suspension of the public consultation of the amendment of the Road Traffic Law demonstrates that the SAR government listens to the opinion of the public.

"The purpose of a public consultation is to listen to the opinions of Macau residents," declared Chui, adding, "I think that a public consultation is one way [the government has] to listen to these opinions. The residents of course have different ways of expressing their sentiments."

"As to demonstrations and assemblies, we all need to obey the law and need to pay attention to public safety. The government must protect residents regarding how they express their opinions."

The CE also acknowledged that Macau's current traffic conditions still do not correspond with the residents' expectations. Hence, the CE claims that solving traffic problems has to start early.

"This means that we agree with most of the opinions we have collected," said Chui, according to whom, after the public consultation announcement was made earlier, the government received different opinions from residents, in particular addressing the topic of heavier fines applied to illegal parking.

In consideration of the abovementioned facts, the SAR government decided to suspend the public consultation. In addition, Chui claimed that laws and regulations, after they have been implemented for a certain period, would be appreciated in different ways by different people as the society develops.

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TUI confirms sentence for policemen involved in beating to death

IN a case that goes back to March 2007, the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) confirmed the verdict and sentence attributed by the Court of First Instance (TJB) to four police officers. The officers were sentenced to seven years in prison for the practice, in partnership, and for omission of a crime of serious offence to physical integrity.

As per the statement issued by TUI, the Collective Court noted that, according to the rule of article 9 of the Criminal Code, the crime in question "can be committed not just by a direct action, but also by omission," remarking that the "law establishes the same penal framework for both the action and the omission". This notes that punishment in the latter case depends only on the verification of two assump-



tions, one regarding the adequacy of the omission to avoid the outcome and the second regarding the imposition of a legal duty on the person in order to avoid such an outcome. In such a case, the ruling of the TUI states, with regard to the crime of offense to physical integrity, that the illegality can occur either by action or by omission of the agent.

The court also adds that it is clear from the facts that the defendants did not take timely measures to prevent the victim from continuing to be assaulted as well as not providing her with necessary and timely assistance. Moreover, even if the defendants were aware of the assaults, they did not take any action to avoid the death of the victim.

As noted when the first sentence was handed down by the TJB, as officers of the Public Security Police Force, the defendants had a legal obligation to protect the victim, and so they have deliberately infringed the obligations imposed on them by law, denying as the Second Instance Court had also done before the pretention of the defendants. The case occurred on March 28, 2007 following a police operation. During questioning on a case of drug possession, the suspect assaulted a police officer in the police station, being then targeted with retaliation from the officer after he had been detained and restrained.

As a result of the assault that the four officers witnessed but ignored, the victim eventually died a few hours after being taken into custody.

Man jumps to death following wounding with sharp objects

A 61-year-old mainland resident jumped to his death from a building located at the NAPE area, on Monday morning. The man's hands and legs were found wounded by sharp weapons. In a housing unit, located at R. de Luis Gonzaga Gomes, at NAPE, Judiciary Police (PJ) found a bloodied blade in a bathroom. Blood was also spotted on the apartment's floor and windows. PJ suspects the man injured himself first with sharp objects before jumping from the building. The case is being followed by PJ's investigation department.

Butane sold according to standards, inspection shows

An inspection made by the Working Group on Fuel Surveillance on the butane gas sold by seven companies in Macau resulted on the conclusion that the products on sale by all the companies are in line with the standards, the Economic Bureau (DSE) informed in a statement. According to the statement, the working group collected and analyzed 100 samples from seven companies, including the United Fuel Company Limited, East Petroleum Company, Caltex Oil Macau Limited, Tak Hing Gas (Macau) Limited, Mei Fong Gas Limited, Nam Kwong Chemical and Petroleum Products Company Limited and Gas Shell (LPG) Macao Limited. The tests concluded that the average of the volume of samples taken met the requirements program, showing differences in the quantity of the product of less than 0.1 kg.

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EIght years ago when Pittsburgh entrepreneur John Oyler was setting up a Beijing biotech company, he was warned that China was the wrong place to try drug development. "You can't do anything innovative there," was the refrain as funders turned him down.

Oyler stuck it out and put in \$10 million of his own money to get his BeiGene Ltd. off the ground. Then President Xi Jinping's government began a massive overhaul of regulations in the country's USD122 billion drug market. Money rushed in, and these days investors point to China's health-care sector as the possible birthplace of its next juggernauts — maybe even the next Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.

BeiGene is now worth about \$9 billion on the Nasdaq, a multiple of about seven times its 2016 IPO, and its experimental cancer drugs are being closely watched globally. Its sudden ascent is emblematic of the dramatic shift in the fortunes of China's pharmaceutical industry, which for decades made only cheap copycat medicines.

In laboratories across China — from BeiGene's shiny research centers to the sprawling biotech parks that dot the country — an army of scientists are racing to catch up with and then overtake their Western counterparts. They're working overtime on everything from cutting-edge cancer therapies to genetic engineering, and they're getting a boost from the Communist Party, which wants to build homegrown champions in the drug industry.

Investors are piling in with the hope that the mighty Chinese economic machine will remake the fortunes of this fledgling sector. Venture capital investment in China health-care surged from \$1 billion in 2013 to \$11.7 billion last year, according to McKinsey & Co.

"There's a belief here that we can compare with anyone anywhere in the world," said Oyler, who's now BeiGene's chief executive officer. "When the government turns and says let's make sure this industry grows properly in China,

China is getting ready to take on the world's biggest drugmakers

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you wind up with global leaders."

As China battles surging rates of cancer, heart disease and diabetes, sales of medicines are expected to hit as much as \$175 billion by 2022, according to researcher IQVIA Holdings Inc. China is the world's second-largest pharmaceutical market after the U.S.

Chinese companies like BeiGene are hoping to grab a bigger slice of that pie from global drugmakers, who have for years dominated local sales of innovative therapies. If that works, the Chinese firms are hoping to take their drugs around the world.

Their plans are getting a boost from the government's move in 2015 to overhaul regulations that had for decades slowed drug approvals and stifled innovation. These days innovative new drugs can reach the Chinese market in a fraction of the time the process once took.

Beijing's 'Made in China 2025' initiative, intended to upgrade the country's manufacturing industries, highlights plans to develop new targeted therapies, antibodies and vaccines while working toward breakthroughs in areas like stem cells.

All that's helping Chinese companies move quickly on cutting-

edge technologies like CAR-T, which uses human immune cells to fight cancers. While CAR-T was invented in the U.S. and already sells there, there currently are about as many clinical trials in China as in the U.S. for such drugs. Meanwhile, in sensitive fields like gene editing, Chinese labs also face fewer ethical and policy restraints on applying the new technologies to human beings.

"They're putting the pieces together and they're doing it at — by western standards — an unbelievable pace and scale," said Marshall Gordon, a New York-based biotech investor with Clearbridge Investments, who recently returned from a trip touring China's biotech industry.

The Chinese government has a lengthy history of successfully elevating industries it deems important. At the turn of the century, firms like Alibaba and Tencent Holdings Ltd. were little known. But within a decade, surging Internet usage, a flood of private money and favorable policies out of Beijing transformed them into some of the world's most powerful technology behemoths.

Optimism that the drug industry could see a similar upturn has

put Chinese biotech stocks on a tear, even with a recent pullback. Genscript Biotech Corp., a maker of CAR-T therapies, has surged more than sixteen times since the beginning of 2016. Wuxi Biologics Cayman Inc., which develops and manufactures biologic drugs for clients, has risen about three-fold in the year since its Hong Kong IPO.

Yet the risks remain plentiful. Most Chinese companies are still awaiting approvals for their medicines, and the country still doesn't have major novel drugs of its own. Also, a lot of biotech innovation in China still doesn't include groundbreaking new mechanisms of treatment, or so-called first-in-class therapies.

"They're still repeating hard-core innovations done by western scientists in a more efficient or better way," Jonathan Wang, co-founder of the Asia fund at Orbimed Advisors LLC. In the earlier stages of their research, which are often kept secret, Wang said more Chinese companies are working on first-in-class treatments.

For now, Gordon said his firm had only a small amount of money invested in Chinese companies. He thinks the industry is maturing quickly, though.

"It's still in its earlier stages," Gordon said. "I don't think they will have the ecosystem that the U.S. has for another 10 or 15 years. But I think in the next five or seven years, if you're a biotech investor, you're not going to be able to ignore companies coming out of China anymore."

BeiGene, which is one of China's largest innovative drug developers, reflects both the risks and the potential upside for companies that succeed. At the heart of its pipeline is a drug called Tislelizumab that belongs to a hot new class of cancer therapies called PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitors.

Such therapies use the patient's own immune system to fight tumors.

International rivals like Merck & Co., Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. and AstraZeneca Plc already have such therapies on the market outside China. But Oyler said his company is working to demonstrate that its drug will be an enhanced kind of PD-1 treatment, which differentiates itself from foreign competitors by reducing certain effects that prevent the immune system from fully eroding tumors.

BeiGene plans to seek approval from the Chinese government in 2018. If approved, annual sales for BeiGene's drug have the potential to reach up to \$2.3 billion at their peak in 2030, Morgan Stanley analysts estimate. The company is already doing some global trials with U.S.-based Celgene Corp.

Still, Oyler is among those who acknowledge the risks of an emerging biotech industry: When things don't go well, investors unfamiliar with the complexities of drug development tend to flee and leave companies strapped for money.

Meanwhile, though, more money is likely to flow into China's biotech sector. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange is starting to allow unprofitable biotech companies to list. Debra Yu, head of U.S. cross-border health-care investment banking for China Renaissance, predicts that will bring new investors, including some from the U.S., into the industry.

"I believe in five to 10 years, several global blockbusters that benefit people around the world will come from China," said Wu Xiaobin, BeiGene's China head and former country manager at Pfizer China. "I don't know which companies, but they will be Chinese." Bloomberg

INNOVATION

Alexa, send up breakfast: Amazon launches Echo for hotels

Joseph Pisani, New York

ALEXA has a new job: hotel concierge. Amazon has launched a version of Alexa for hotels that lets guests order room service through the voice assistant, ask for more towels or get restaurant recommendations without having to pick up the phone and call the front desk. Marriott

has signed up for the service and will place Amazon Echo smart speakers in 10 hotels this summer, including its Westin and St. Regis brands.

It is another way for Amazon to sell its voice assistant and devices to businesses and get Alexa in front of more customers. Amazon already sells a version of Alexa for workpla-

ces, and has struck deals to place Alexa in cars and refrigerators. Alexa has become an important part of Amazon's business because it keeps users attached to Amazon services, such as music streaming.

Amazon said data from hotel guests will be deleted daily, and Marriott said those who don't want an Echo device in their

room can ask to have it removed.

Hotels will be able to customize the responses Alexa gives their guests, such as nearby restaurant recommendations or pool hours. Other tasks that Alexa for Hospitality can do include checking guests out of their room, turning on the lights or playing lullabies to help them fall asleep.



Later this year, Amazon will allow hotel guests to link their Amazon.com account to Alexa so they can listen to their music play-

lists or audio books during their stay. Shopping, however, won't be allowed through the hotel version of Alexa, Amazon said. AP



China blasts new US tariff threat, warns it will retaliate

Joe McDonald, Beijing

CHINA yesterday threatened "comprehensive measures" in response to U.S. President Donald Trump's new tariff hike, raising the possibility Beijing might target operations of American companies.

Trump's announcement fueled fears that economic losses, limited so far to companies hit by U.S. or Chinese tariff hikes, might spread if the dispute chills global trade.

Global stocks fell after Trump's announcement. China's market benchmark dropped 3.8 percent while Hong Kong's lost 2.8 percent. In Europe, Germany's main index was off 1.3 percent and France's lost 1.1 percent.

The Commerce Ministry criticized Trump's order for new tariffs on USD200 billion of

Chinese goods as blackmail. In a forceful statement, it said Beijing was ready to "defend the interests of the Chinese people and enterprises."

If the tariff hike goes ahead, "China will have to adopt comprehensive measures that combine quantity and quality," the statement said.

It gave no details, but China's lopsided trade balance with the United States means Beijing doesn't import enough American goods to stick with its strategy of matching the scale of Trump's tariff increases.

China responded to the U.S. announcement Friday of a 25 percent tariff on \$34 billion of Chinese goods by imposing an identical charge on the same amount of American goods. But China's imports from the United States last year totaled

\$153.9 billion. That would leave about \$120 billion available for a tariff hike, falling short of Trump's \$200 billion target.

The mention of "comprehensive measures" suggests Beijing might go beyond tariffs, said Jake Parker, vice president for China operations of the U.S.-China Business Council. He asked whether that

The Commerce Ministry criticized Trump's order for new tariffs on USD200b of Chinese goods as blackmail

might include delaying or denying licenses required by U.S. companies.

"That seems to open up a new front," Parker said.

China's heavily regulated economy also gives officials the option of tying up companies with tax, anti-monopoly or other investigations.

"China could target U.S. firms through tax and regulatory policies," Citigroup said in a report.

The dispute is part of broader U.S. complaints about global trading conditions that have prompted Trump to raise duties on steel, aluminum, washing machines or solar panels from Canada, Europe, Japan and South Korea.

Economists warn Washington might be undercutting its negotiating position by alienating potential allies.

Tariff hikes imposed so far by Trump affect a total of \$109 billion of imports, according to Morgan Stanley. It said with retaliatory tariffs imposed by American trading partners added in, the total rises to \$181 billion, or 1 percent of global trade.

The risks of "a more meaningful impact on global trade and growth have increased," Morgan Stanley economists said in a report.

The United States and China have the world's biggest trading relationship but official ties are increasingly strained over complaints Beijing's technology development tactics hurt American companies.

Beijing has offered to narrow its politically volatile trade surplus with the United States but has resisted changing development plans its leaders see as a path to prosperity and to restoring China's rightful role as a global leader.

Trump's tariffs target goods the White House says benefit from industrial policies that China's trading partners say violate its market-opening pledges.

The Trump administration also has threatened a tariff hike on another \$100 billion of imports in its parallel dispute over Beijing's trade surplus. It has yet to say when that might take effect.

Europe, Japan and other trading partners raise similar complaints. But Trump has been unusually direct about threatening to disrupt such a large volume of Chinese exports.

"Beijing will not panic in response to Trump's latest threat, but will be deeply concerned," Eurasia Group said in a report.

It said the Chinese government is trying to find out whether Trump has the "political strength" to carry out his threats and is pressuring U.S. interests to force him to compromise. AP

Cambodia announces USD100m in military aid from Beijing

CHINA has agreed to provide more than USD100 million in military aid to Cambodia, a senior Cambodian defense official said yesterday.

Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Chhum Socheat said the aid for training, exercise and equipment was agreed upon over the weekend in a meeting between visiting Chinese Defense Minister Wei Fenghe and his Cambodian counterpart Tea Banh. Wei on Mon-

day also met with Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Wei's five-day trip was undertaken to strengthen military ties and attend a China-Cambodia military exhibition. It concludes on Wednesday.

China is Cambodia's closest political ally and a major economic supporter, wooing it into its sphere of influence with millions of dollars in aid and investment over the past decade.

It has provided millions

of dollars in aid and investment over the past decade, granted Cambodia a tariff-free status on hundreds of trade items and written off its debt.

In return, Cambodia supports China in international forums, including Beijing's ongoing dispute with Southeast Asian countries in the South China Sea. The alliance with Beijing has allowed Hun Sen to snub Western concerns about human rights and corruption.

In 2010, Beijing stepped in to provide Cambodia with more than 250 military vehicles after the United States earlier suspended a similar shipment when Cambodia repatriated 20 ethnic Uighurs asylum seekers to China.

In January, Cambodia and China signed nearly 20 agreements worth several billion dollars to develop the impoverished Southeast Asian country's infrastructure, agricultu-



Chinese Defense Minister Wei Fenghe arrives at the Peace Palace for a meeting with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen

re and health care. The agreements and memorandums of understanding were signed during a meeting between Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and his Chinese counterpart, Li Keqiang. AP

Christopher Bodeen, Dake Kang

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un is making a two-day visit to Beijing starting today in which he's expected to discuss with Chinese leaders his next steps after his nuclear summit with U.S. President Donald Trump last week.

Kim's visit to Beijing, while expected, is one way for China to highlight its crucial role in U.S. efforts to get North Korea to abandon its nuclear program. The U.S. has long looked to China to use its influence with North Korea to bring it to negotiations, but the visit comes as ties between Beijing and Washington are being tested by a major trade dispute.

Chinese President Xi Jinping "is exerting a lot of influence from behind the scenes," said Bonnie Glaser, senior adviser for Asia at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. Glaser said it was predictable Xi would want to be briefed by Kim directly about the North Korean leader's talks with Trump.

"I expect they will talk about the path going forward and where priorities should lie," Glaser said. Those priorities, from China's perspective, would be to ensure that Beijing is included in any peace treaty talks and in creating an environment on the Korean Peninsula that will make it unnecessary for U.S. troops to remain.

Security was tight yesterday morning at the Pyongyang airport, where another flight was unexpectedly delayed, and later at the Beijing airport, where paramilitary police prevented journalists from shooting photos. A motorcade including sedans, minibuses, motorcycles and a stretch limo with a golden emblem similar to one Kim used previously was seen leaving the airport.

Roads near the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse, where senior Chinese officials meet with visiting leaders, were closed and the same motorcade was later seen heading into the compound. A ring of police vehicles and black sedans surrounded the perimeter of the guesthouse, where Kim stayed on his first visit earlier this year.

A similar convoy of vehicles was seen leaving the state guesthouse in the direction of the Great Hall of the People in central Beijing yesterday Tuesday afternoon. Kim's presence in Beijing and the schedule of his visit, including any meetings with Xi, have not been confirmed.

Kim was diplomatically isolated for years before making his first foreign trip as leader in March to meet with Xi in Beijing. This is his third visit to China, North Korea's main ally and key source of trade and economic assistance. Following his summit with Trump, Kim was

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A stretch limousine with a golden emblem similar to one Kim Jong Un has used previously, arrives with motorcycle escorts and guard of honor salute at the Diaoyutai State Guest house in Beijing

Kim Jong Un visits PRC to discuss next steps on nukes

expected to meet with Chinese leaders to discuss progress in halting his country's missile and nuclear weapons programs in exchange for economic incentives.

China's foreign ministry refused to provide details on Kim's visit other than to say that Beijing hopes it will help deepen relations between the countries.

Geng Shuang, a ministry spokesman, said at a regular briefing yesterday that the visit would "strengthen our strategic communication on major issues to promote regional peace and stability."

Geng said Beijing supported Russia's calls last week for unilateral sanctions on North Korea — ones that aren't imposed within the United Nations framework — to be canceled immediately.

"China always stands against the so-called unilateral sanctions outside the Security Council framework. This position is very clear and we believe sanctions themselves are not the end," Geng said.

While Beijing and Moscow have supported U.N. restrictions, they bristle at Washington imposing unilateral sanctions to put pressure on North Korea.

The Singapore meeting resulted in a surprise announcement of a U.S. suspension of military drills with its South Korean ally, a goal long pursued by China

and North Korea. That move is seen as potentially weakening defenses and diplomacy among America's Asian allies, while bolstering China and Russia.

The U.S. has stationed combat troops in South Korea since the Korean War, in which China fought on North Korea's side and which ended in 1953 with an armistice and no peace treaty.

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UNIVERSITY OF N. KOREAN STUDIES,
SEOUL

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said Kim's visit to China highlights the "constructive role" Beijing could play in disarming North Korea.

Ministry spokesman Noh Kyuduk said Seoul and Beijing share a "strategic goal" in achieving

the "complete denuclearization" of the Korean Peninsula and that progress in nuclear diplomacy has been facilitating high-level contacts between North Korea and its neighbors.

Noh also downplayed concerns that improving relations between China and North Korea could result in loosened Chinese sanctions against North Korea, saying that Beijing has repeatedly stated its commitment to U.N. Security Council resolutions against the North.

Chinese state media's treatment of Kim's visit departed from past practice of not announcing his travels until Kim returned home. Analysts said Beijing appeared to be trying to normalize such visits.

Cheng Xiaohe, an associate professor at Renmin University's School of International Studies in Beijing, said that unlike previous visits, Chinese state broadcaster CCTV announced Kim's visit before his departure.

"This is an improvement. This shows that China is moving toward a healthier and more normal direction in relations with North Korea," Cheng said. He added that the frequency of Kim's visits was "unprecedented."

Yang Mu-jin, a professor at the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul, said Kim's repeated visits to Beijing this year show that the recent chill in the two countries' ties over Kim's

development of nuclear weapons and long-range missiles had fully lifted.

"I believe that indicates that the blood alliance between the North and China has been completely restored," Yang said.

The visit comes as a dispute over the large trade imbalance between China and the U.S. has been escalating, straining ties between the world's two largest economies and moving them closer to a potential trade war.

Trump recently ordered tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese goods in retaliation for alleged intellectual property theft. The tariffs were quickly matched by China on U.S. exports, a move that drew the president's ire. On Tuesday morning China woke to news that Trump had directed the U.S. Trade Representative to prepare new tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese products, a move swiftly criticized by Beijing.

A trade war with the U.S. could make it less attractive for China to use its influence over North Korea to help the U.S. achieve its objectives of denuclearization.

"The potential comprehensive trade war will make the cooperation between China and U.S. in North Korea's nuclear issue more complicated," Cheng said. "There will be a big question mark over whether China and the U.S. will continue this cooperation." AP

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

JAPAN'S government has ordered an emergency inspection of cinder-block walls at schools nationwide, a day after an earthquake in Osaka killed five people, two of whom were crushed by falling walls.

The magnitude 6.1 earthquake that struck Osaka during Monday's morning rush hour injured more than 370 people in the region, according to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency. The quake also damaged many buildings and disrupted traffic.

Authorities confirmed a fifth victim Tuesday — a 66-year-old man found dead, covered with books and other objects at a home in Takatsuki.

The death of 9-year-old Rina Miyake just outside her school in Takatsuki city has sparked concerns about cinder-block walls among private property owners as well.

Japan to check concrete walls after Osaka quake deaths

for safety checks. An 80-year-old man, who was on his way to volunteer in a neighborhood watch while schoolchildren walked to school, also was killed by a collapsing wall.

Education Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi told reporters Tuesday he was ordering all public elementary and junior high schools to "urgently" inspect their walls. Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport Keiichi Ishii said he planned to raise awareness of the potential risks of cinder-block walls among private property owners as well.

Concrete walls made of stacked

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A concrete wall lies down after a 9-year-old girl was killed when it fell down in an earthquake



A crack is filled with water on a road after water pipes were broken following an earthquake in Takatsuki city, Osaka

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THE TOURISM Crisis Management Office (GGCT) announced that it is paying close attention to the Osaka earthquake and will maintain in close contact with the Macau travel industry for any developments. From the information gathered through the local travel industry, there is currently one tour group from the SAR with approximately

25 people in Osaka. GGCT states that there is no indication that their safety has been compromised. The Macau travel industry added that they have not received any request for assistance from local residents. According to a statement issued yesterday, GGCT has not received further requests for information or assistance.

cinder-blocks are a known risk in earthquakes but the danger has been largely ignored even though the current building codes call for walls built before 1981 to be upgraded. Japan introduced stricter quake-resistant standards in 1981 after cinder-block walls caused 11 of 16 deaths in a 1978 quake in northern Japan.

Japanese schools have largely upgraded the safety of classrooms and other buildings to meet current anti-quake standards, but many of the old cinder-block walls have been left untouched. Past local government surveys in school

neighborhoods have found most walls lack additional safety reinforcement.

Some quake-prone cities in central and eastern Japan, including Tokyo, Aichi and Shizuoka, have started offering subsidies for dismantling or reinforcing cinder-block walls as a way to motivate private owners.

Officials in Takatsuki city have acknowledged that the wall at the municipal-run school that broke and killed the girl exceeded the legal height limit of 2.2 meters (about 7 feet). On Tuesday, police investigated the site and city offi-

cials on suspicion of professional negligence.

Elsewhere in Takatsuki and the other hardest hit areas, relief workers and residents worked to return life to normal. Many homes remained without safe drinking water or gas Tuesday.

While some stores remained closed Tuesday for safety inspections or repairs, residents rushed to operating grocery stores to stock up on bottled water, instant noodles and other preserved food.

Authorities have warned residents of possible strong aftershocks. AP

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Jim Gomez, Manila

THE Philippine Supreme Court upheld the expulsion of its chief justice, the authoritarian president's highest-ranking critic, in a final ruling yesterday that critics warned is unconstitutional and threatens judicial independence and the country's democracy.

Justices voted 8-6 to uphold their May 11 decision to oust Maria Lourdes Sereno from the 15-member high court and deny her appeal, said court spokesman Theodore Te. The government's solicitor-general had asked the court to boot Sereno out for allegedly failing to file some of her past assets disclosures in act he said damaged her integrity, a charge she denies. President Rodrigo Duterte has 90 days to appoint a replacement.

Sereno blasted the government petition that led to her removal as "an abominable perversion of the rules of court" and a "total violation of the constitution."

It "has made our courts, and indeed the entire civil service, constantly vulnerable to political intimidation, and thus unable to properly dispense their duties professionally and without fear," she said in a speech at a state university.

Duterte's allies said the ruling should be respected, but opponen-

PHILIPPINES

Supreme Court upholds expulsion of chief justice

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Maria Lourdes Sereno (center) poses with supporters in Manila

ts deplored it, with one opposition group, Tindig Pilipinas, labeling the tribunal as a "supremely erroneous court" and threatening to file impeachment complaints against the justices, who approved the government petition.

"Our constitution mandates the Supreme Court to be the final arbiter of legal and constitutional questions. Let us respect its decision, no matter what our persuasions are," said Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez of the House of Representatives, which is dominated by Duterte's allies.

Sereno's expulsion cut short a separate congressional impeachment attempt against her. She argues that the government petition, known as violates the constitution because it stipulates that justices like her can be removed only by congressional impeachment.

Alvarez said the court ruling has "rendered moot and academic" the impeachment proceedings, which now have to be consigned to the archives. More than half of the 23-member Senate, however, including some Duterte allies, has asked the Supreme Court to

review its decision, calling the ruling a "dangerous precedent" that infringed on the constitutional power of Congress to impeach senior officials.

The 57-year-old former law professor angered Duterte after she disagreed with his efforts to take action against judges linked to illegal drugs in 2016, saying the Supreme Court should be the one to punish erring judges.

Duterte, who is sensitive to criticisms, has said he had avoided getting involved in efforts to remove Sereno but got fed up. "So I'm putting you on notice that I am now your enemy. And you have to be out of the Supreme Court," Duterte said in a speech in April.

The House Justice Committee said in March that there was probable cause to impeach Sereno, accusing her of corruption, breach of public trust and other serious crimes.

Sereno has denied any wrongdoing, but Duterte and his officials maintained that she breached the

law and should not have been designated chief justice by Duterte's predecessor in 2012.

Sereno was the first woman to head the Supreme Court and the first chief justice to be forced out through a government petition. Her predecessor, Renato Corona, was impeached by the House in 2011 and became the first chief justice to be convicted in a 2012 Senate trial for failing to accurately disclose his bank deposits and properties.

U.N. Rapporteur Diego Garcia-Sayan, who looks into threats to the independence of judges and lawyers worldwide, warned recently that Sereno's expulsion from the court is an attack on judicial independence that could imperil Philippine democracy.

"If the chief justice can be easily expelled, everybody would have to dance with the same music and with that, the independence of the judiciary is finished and that opens the route of abuse of power," Garcia-Sayan told The Associated Press in Manila.

Duterte angrily reacted by asking Garcia-Sayan not to meddle in the country's domestic affairs and told him "to go to hell."

After her removal was made final, Sereno vowed yesterday she would be at the forefront to help lead a public movement that would seek government accountability and defend civil liberties. AP

VIETNAM

Discontent lurks under surface of economic success

John Boudreau

VIETNAM boasts one of the world's fastest-growing economies, optimistic citizens and a stable government. But below the surface of positive data points lies discontent that spilled over during recent protests across the country.

On Sunday, hundreds of anti-riot police blanketed central Ho Chi Minh City, the nation's thriving commercial center, to prevent demonstrations after thousands of Vietnamese took to the streets across the nation the previous week. They were marching against proposed special economic zones with 99-year land leases they fear will lead to Chinese encroachment, as well as cybersecurity legislation they believe will curb online freedoms.

"There's an overall frustration in society," said Alexander Vuving, a political analyst at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Hawaii. "During the 10 years since Vietnam joined the World Trade Organization, they have seen progress in terms of wealth creation. At the same time, people have seen a lot of cor-

ruption scandals. And Vietnamese are very suspicious of Chinese influence."

Vietnam's one-party system is governed by a collective leadership involving the Communist Party general secretary and ministers. Activists and bloggers who challenge the legitimacy of the party and government can be jailed -- there are currently 169 activists in prison, according to U.S. Representative Chris Smith, a New Jersey Republican who has held hearings on Vietnam.

In the south-central province of Binh Thuan, police are prosecuting eight people on charges of causing public disorder, the government-owned Vietnam News reported today. The province experienced demonstrations on June 10-11, when vehicles were set ablaze, government buildings damaged and 45 police officers injured, according to the Ministry of Public Security.

To be sure, citizens have benefited greatly by the communist government's aggressive moves to open the economy up to the world. Vietnam has averaged economic growth of 6.3 percent between 2005 and

2017, multiplying its per capita income six-fold to USD2,385 last year from \$396 in 2000, according to data from General Statistics Office in Hanoi.

The economy grew 7.38 percent in the first quarter and the World Bank revised its forecast on Vietnam's 2018 economic growth to 6.8 percent from 6.5 percent. The booming economy is being driven by investments from foreign companies that have made the country a manufacturing powerhouse. Still, a level of distrust of the government exists among average citizens, whose concerns are amplified on social media.

One flashpoint is the nation's fraught relations with its powerful neighbor, China, with which it fought a brief border war in 1979. A Pew opinion poll released last year found just 10 percent of Vietnamese view China favorably. Territorial tensions have picked up between Vietnam and China since China dragged an exploration oil rig into contested waters in mid-2014. The move led to deadly anti-China protests in Vietnam and clashes at sea between coast guard boats. "Anti-China

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sentiment is toxic in Vietnam," said Carlyle Thayer, an emeritus professor at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra.

Thousands of protesters, fearing a proposed law on special economic zones would allow Chinese to gain influence over the nation with 99-year leases, demonstrated from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City on June 10. In all, about 300 people were detained, including U.S. citizen Will Nguyen, who was accused of causing public disorder, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokeswoman Le Thi Thu Hang said at a Hanoi press briefing Thursday.

Vietnamese are also inflamed about a cybersecurity law approved by the National Assembly last week that

requires companies to store data of local users within the country. The law, which goes into effect Jan. 1, also bans internet users from organizing, encouraging or training other people for anti-state purposes, spreading false information, creating difficulties for authorities and damaging socioeconomic activity.

Unlike previous protests such as those in 2016 against an environmental disaster tied to Taiwan's Formosa Plastics Corp., the recent demonstrations involved more ordinary citizens and fewer well-known activists, Vuving said.

An undercurrent of anger is swelling among average Vietnamese because of "massive corruption and extreme lack of transparency

in provincial governments," said Le Dang Doanh, a Hanoi-based economist and former government adviser. "It's very important that the government talk more to people to relieve problems before they become big issues among citizens."

For now, the discontent won't deter investors in Vietnam, which depends on foreign investment for growth, said Bernard Lapointe, Ho Chi Minh City-based head of research at Viet Dragon Securities JSC. "The biggest risk for Vietnam, in case of an escalation of social discontent, would be a drop in FDI."

Political leaders are working to tamp down the anger. The National Assembly postponed voting on the special economic zones legislation until later this year and removed the 99-year lease provision.

Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong called on citizens to trust the party's leaders and remain calm, according to a statement posted on the government's website Monday. The party, he added, "has no other purpose other than being for the country and for its people." Bloomberg

UN refugee agency: Record 68.5 million displaced in 2017



THE U.N. refugee agency reported yesterday that nearly 69 million people who have fled war, violence and persecution were forcibly displaced last year, a record for the fifth straight year.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said the continued crises in places like South Sudan and Congo, as well as the exodus of Muslim Rohingya from Myanmar that started last year, raised the overall figure of forced displacements in 2017 to 68.5 million.

Of that total, 16.2 million were newly displaced last year — an average of more than 44,000 people per

day. Most have been displaced for longer than that, some forced to flee multiple times.

"The global figure has gone up again by a couple of million," said the High Commissioner, Filippo Grandi. "This is because of protracted conflicts and lack of solutions for those conflicts that continue, continuous pressure on civilians in countries of conflict that pushed them to leave their homes and new or aggravating crises, like the Rohingya crisis."

For the fourth year running, Turkey was again the country with the largest number of refugees — mostly Syrians — at 3.5 million at the end of

2017. The United States received the most new individual applications for asylum last year, at nearly 332,000. Germany was second at more than 198,000.

But UNHCR, Grandi's agency, said the figures debunked the flawed perception among some that a refugee crisis has affected more developed countries in the "Global North." It said 85 percent of refugees are in developing countries, many of them "desperately poor."

"It should be an element dispelling the perception, the notion that is so prevailing in many countries: That the refugee crisis — singular — is a crisis of the rich world," Grandi said. "It is not. It continues to be a crisis mostly of the poor world."

Jan Egeland, secretary-general of the Norwegian Refugee Council who once headed the U.N. humanitarian aid agency, said cooperation between countries and diplomacy for peace were in "deep crisis."

"International responsibility-sharing for displaced people has utterly collapsed. Rich countries are building walls against families fleeing war, at the same time as less money is available for aid to people in conflict areas," Egeland said. He said leaders in many countries are invoking border closures in Europe to carry out their own exclusion policies.

"We have to end this race to the bottom, and rather let us be inspired by generous recipient countries like Uganda, where vulnerable refugees are being protected," he said.

The data release comes ahead of World Refugee Day today. AP



NATO's chief appeals for unity amid trans-Atlantic row

NATO'S chief is urging the alliance's 29 countries to set aside a festering trans-Atlantic row over trade, climate and the Iran nuclear deal, amid concern that the tensions will undermine the military alliance.

Stoltenberg's message comes less than a month before U.S. President Donald Trump meets with his NATO counterparts in Brussels. Stoltenberg says NATO has overcome divisions before and can do so now.

Trump humiliated his partners at a summit last year, publicly berating them for failing to spend enough on defense. AP

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'Papa! Papa!' Audio of children stokes rage over separation

Nomaan Merchant, Anita Snow

An audio recording that appears to capture the heartbreaking voices of small Spanish-speaking children crying out for their parents at a U.S. immigration facility took center stage in the growing uproar over the Trump administration's policy of separating immigrant children from their parents.

"Papa! Papa!" one child is heard weeping in the audio file that was first reported Monday by the nonprofit ProPublica and later provided to The Associated Press.

Human rights attorney Jennifer Harbury said she received the tape from a whistleblower and told ProPublica it was recorded in the last week. She did not provide details about where exactly it was recorded.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said she had not heard the audio but said children taken into custody by the government are being treated humanely. She said the government has high standards for detention centers and the children are well cared for and stressed that Congress needs to plug loopholes in the law so families can stay together.

The audio surfaced as politicians and advocates flocked to the U.S.-Mexico border to visit U.S. immigration detention centers and turn up the pressure on the Trump administration. The president was to visit Capitol Hill on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the crisis with House Republicans.

And the backlash over the poli-

AP PHOTO



A U.S. Border Patrol agent watches people who've been taken into custody related to cases of illegal entry into the United States

cy widened. The Mormon church said it is "deeply troubled" by the separation of families at the border and urged national leaders to find compassionate solutions. Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican, reversed a decision to send a National Guard helicopter from his state to the Mexican border to assist in a deployment, citing the administration's "cruel and inhumane" policy.

At the border, an estimated 80 people pleaded guilty Monday to immigration charges, including some who asked the judge questions such as "What's going to happen to my daughter?" and "What will happen to my son?"

Attorneys at the hearings said the immigrants had brought two dozen boys and girls with them

to the U.S., and the judge replied that he did not know what would happen to their children.

Several groups of lawmakers toured a nearby facility in Brownsville, Texas, that houses hundreds of immigrant children.

Democratic Rep. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico said the location was a former hospital converted into living quarters for children, with rooms divided by age group. There was even a small room for infants, complete with two high chairs, where two baby boys wore matching rugby style shirts with orange and white stripes.

Another group of lawmakers on Sunday visited an old warehouse in McAllen, Texas, where hundreds of children are

being held in cages created by metal fencing. One cage held 20 youngsters.

More than 1,100 people were inside the large, dark facility, which is divided into separate wings for unaccompanied children, adults on their own, and mothers and fathers with children.

In Texas' Rio Grande Valley, the busiest corridor for people trying to enter the U.S., Border Patrol officials say they must crack down on migrants and separate adults from children as a deterrent to others trying to get into the U.S. illegally.

"When you exempt a group of people from the law ... that creates a draw," said Manuel Padilla, the Border Patrol's chief agent there.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, speaking to reporters during a tour of San Diego immigration detention facilities with Rep. Juan Vargas and other House Democrats, said family separation is a "heartbreaking, barbarian issue that could be changed in a moment by the president of the United States rescinding his action."

"It so challenges the conscience of our country that it must be changed and must be changed immediately," she said during a news conference at a San Diego terminal that is connected to the airport in Tijuana, Mexico, by a bridge.



All Americans are rightly horrified by the images we are seeing on the news, children in tears pulled away from their mothers and fathers.

SEN. TED CRUZ OF TEXAS

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas announced late Monday that he was introducing emergency legislation intended to keep immigrant families together. "All Americans are rightly horrified by the images we are seeing on the news, children in tears pulled away from their mothers and fathers," Cruz said. "This must stop."

President Donald Trump emphatically defended his administration's policy Monday, again falsely blaming Democrats. "The United States will not be a migrant camp, and it will not be a refugee holding facility," he declared. "Not on my watch." AP

Jan M. Olsen, Copenhagen

THE fatal shooting of three men in Malmö, Sweden's third largest city, was the latest incident in suburban feuds between criminal gangs fighting over territory or honor. Sweden's justice minister called the shootings an "abominable crime."

Police in Malmö said yesterday that three of the men — aged 19, 27 and 29 — had died overnight. None of the victims were identified, in line with Swedish practice.

Three others — aged 21, 30 and 32 — had been injured — one seriously, Region Skåne, the regional health authority for southern Sweden, said.

Three men die of six wounded in southern Sweden drive-by shooting

"It is an abominable crime and reminds us once again that our main task is to fight organized crime," Sweden's Justice Minister Morgan Johansson told Swedish news agency TT.

Malmö police chief Stefan Sintetus told a news conference that the shooting likely was linked to feuding criminal gangs that are fighting over territory and honor, conflicts which have become more common in major Swedish cities in recent years. In Malmö alone, there are three or four gang feuds,

Sintetus said.

"Those involved are to be considered as gang-members who are involved in serious organized crime," Sintetus said. "It is unusual that three die in the same incident."

"We didn't see it coming," he added.

Sintetus said there was no motive for the late Monday shooting "but generally speaking" a feud could start over business conflicts, girls or a perceived lack of respect by others.

The men were shot as

they left an internet cafe in the southeastern part of the southern Swedish city on Monday evening. Police could not confirm media reports that the shots had been fired from a car and that an automatic weapon had been used.

Police said a dozen shots were fired but no arrests have been made and they are looking for a dark vehicle.

The shots caused screaming among bystanders but police quickly said there was no reason for the public to worry. AP

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what's ON



MARC CHAGALL, LIGHT AND COLOUR IN SOUTHERN FRANCE

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MUSICIAN WINS SUIT AGAINST EX WHO SABOTAGED HIS SCHOLARSHIP

A woman has been ordered to pay more than USD200,000 to her ex-boyfriend for sabotaging his opportunity at a prestigious scholarship because she didn't want him to leave.

Eric Abramovitz, currently with the Nashville Symphony in Tennessee, is a Canadian clarinetist who in 2013 applied to study at Los Angeles' Coburn Conservatory of Music. According to the lawsuit filed in Canada's Ontario Superior Court of Justice, he had been studying the clarinet since he was seven years old and had won many awards.

He had hoped to study at the Coburn Conservatory under Yehuda Gilad, an internationally renowned clarinet teacher who only accepts two clarinet students per year. After a live audition, the conservatory offered him a full scholarship to study with Gilad.

But when his acceptance email came in, his girlfriend Jennifer Lee intercepted the email and deleted it, the lawsuit said. Lee also used his email address to decline the scholarship offer from Coburn. She also made up a fake email address using Gilad's name that said while Abramovitz wasn't accepted at Coburn, he could attend the University of Southern California, but with only a small scholarship. According to the lawsuit, Lee knew that Abramovitz was financially unable to accept the fake offer.

Lee deceived him so that Abramovitz "would not leave Montreal and instead would stay in Montreal and remain in his relationship with her," the lawsuit said.

In a ruling released last week, the court granted a default judgment against Lee, who neither had an attorney nor defended herself in court. The court noted Abramovitz lost "a unique and prestigious educational opportunity, one that would have advanced his career as a professional clarinetist."

The instructor, Gilad, also stated in an affidavit that Abramovitz was the victim of "an unthinkable, immoral act that delayed his progress and achievement as an up-and-coming young musician."

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JURASSIC WORLD: FALLEN KINGDOM

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Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, BD Wong

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min



OCEAN'S EIGHT

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Gary Ross

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 110min



DEATH WISH

ROOM 3

2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Eli Roth

Starring: Bruce Willis, Vincent D'Onofrio, Elisabeth Shue

Language: English (Chinese)

this day in history



Ahmed Ben Bella

1965 STUDENTS PROTEST AFTER ALGIERS COUP

Police in the Algerian capital Algiers have broken up demonstrations by hundreds of people who have taken to the streets chanting slogans in support of deposed President Ben Bella.

The protests began with an orderly march by students but police attempts to disperse the crowds turned them into rioting groups running through the streets.

Ex-president Ahmed Ben Bella is being held prisoner in a remote Sahara outpost. He has been deposed by chief of the armed forces Colonel Houari Boumedienne and his National Revolutionary Council.

In the early hours of yesterday morning, two tanks moved into position at the presidential villa in Algiers. Police guards were quietly relieved by soldiers. There was a sound of breaking glass and a light was briefly seen before being turned off again.

By the time dawn broke, tanks had moved into various strategic points throughout the city, the airport was under military control and all communications with the outside world were cut off. After several hours of military music on the radio, Colonel Boumedienne broadcast a long statement accusing Ahmed Ben Bella of treason and promising him the "fate of all despots".

The statement broadcast in the name of the Revolutionary Council also pledged to work for a "democratic, serious state" and the recovery of the economy.

One of the colonel's first actions has been to order the release of political prisoners held on "arbitrary" grounds. He has also given assurances no French people or property in the country will be harmed.

The coup has taken place 10 days ahead of an Afro-Asian Conference due to be held in Algiers. There is some speculation it may have been inspired by the Russians to prevent the meeting - from which they were excluded - from taking place.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Ahmed Ben Bella was brought to power after leading the struggle for independence from France, which was finally achieved in July 1962. He was dependent on Colonel Boumedienne then chief of staff of Algeria's 60,000-strong army.

He failed to build up a political force to act as a counterweight to the military and took control of many key ministries himself.

After the coup, he was held under house arrest for 15 years. On release, he lived in exile in Switzerland.

He continued to instigate unrest in Algeria and in 1990 returned to stand for the presidency at the head of the Mouvement Démocratique Algérien (MDA). The 1991 election was won by an Islamist party but the result was annulled and Ben Bella was sent back into exile. The MDA was one of a number of parties banned in 1997.

In December 1976, Colonel Boumedienne was elected president and served for two years until he died. Under the tight reins of his control, the country did begin to develop its oil resources and industrial sector. Since his death, various attempts have been made to establish a multi-party democracy, but violence has continued between government and Islamic militants.

YOUR STARS



Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You're certainly passionate about what you believe right now - even more so than usual. Whether you're convinced that an aspect of work should be handled in a specific manner.



Taurus

April 20-May 20

Sometimes you tend to think others should be as stable and predictable as you usually are, but other people just act irrationally at times. It can be disconcerting...



Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

If you're buying gifts, you may be concerned about how much to spend. It's possible to pay a little less and get something more unusual and meaningful if you take some time.



Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Your natural tendency is to shy away from the cosmic limelight and modestly redirect the attention elsewhere, but it's high time you learned to take a compliment gracefully and confidently.



Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Modesty definitely becomes you right now. You're putting aside what kind of rewards you could be angling for - whether at work, in a relationship or in another arena.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Knowing you, you've made all manner of lists and already checked them twice, and you're inspired to be even more organized than usual. You'll want to expect the unexpected now, though, too.



Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Wow - the moment you decide to just let things happen instead of trying to guide them, they really start happening. Putting your strong sense of drive into neutral takes a lot of self-control.



Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Solo time might sound perfect, then you're on the phone chitchatting for an hour; or if you're with someone, you may want to be alone. Keep your plans loose and your options open.



Pisces

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

The world's full of sparkly possibilities at the moment, with the potential for joy right around every corner. It's time to open yourself up to something new, something completely of the present.

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You're just being you, enjoying the hubbub all around you and following your mood. The funny thing is, your relaxed manner and optimistic attitude are far more alluring than other people's best come.



Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Avoid getting emotionally involved in it all, and find a way to handle it and move on. You'll definitely want to be able to feel like some resolution's been achieved so you can leave this stuff where it belongs.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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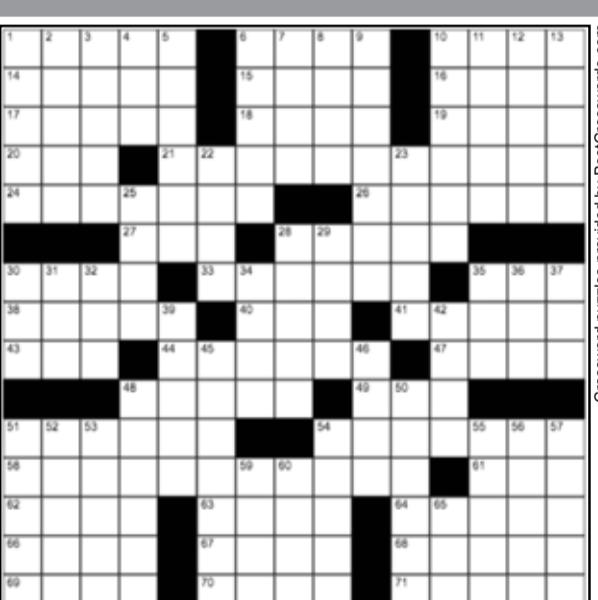
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Forget stylish attacking moves, this is set-piece World Cup

Rob Harris, Volgograd, Russia

THE possession football championed by coaches like Pep Guardiola is supposed to produce aesthetically-pleasing goals. Against strong defenses and world-class goalkeepers, sometimes you need to go back to basics.

This World Cup has started with a spate of goals off of set pieces and penalty kicks, as many teams have struggled to score in the run of play. Inevitably, superstars Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi have been part of the story, on opposite sides.

Ronaldo's delivered with artistry, curling a free kick as part of a hat trick in Portugal's draw with Spain. Ronaldo famously hones his kicks with long hours of training, using his trademark wide stance from all angles so he is ready for the moment on the big stage.

Ronaldo's goal was one of three free kicks scored in the opening four days in Russia. That's as many as the entire tournament in Brazil four years ago.

It started with Aleksandr Golovin arcing the ball into the net in Russia's win against Saudi Arabia

AP PHOTO



Ronaldo scores his third goal with a free kick during the match against Spain

on the opening day. Aleksandar Kolarov scored on a free kick in Serbia's win over Costa Rica on Sunday.

Months before he failed to stop Ronaldo's free kick, Spain goalkeeper David de Gea was grumbling about the Adidas ball developed for the tournament, calling it "strange."

Egypt goalkeeper Essam El Ha-

dary believes the ball-makers pander to the desires of outfield players.

"We are the victims of FIFA and the ever-developing football," he said Monday.

The official ball goes through rigorous tests before being approved by Switzerland-based scientists. The "Telstar 18" had to retain its shape even after being shot against a steel wall 2,000 times at 50 kilometers per hour in Empa's laboratory.

"The deformation caused by the impacting foot initially gives the ball a somewhat wobbly movement," said Martin Camenzind of the laboratory for biomimetic membranes and textiles. "Experienced players take advantage of this effect and 'Bend it like Beckham.' This is not actually a matter of magic, but of applied physics." And skill when striking the ball.

"This must be perfectly well-rehearsed, because as soon as the foot is on the ball for a few milliseconds, the player can no longer deliberately influence his movement," Camenzind said. "There is simply not enough time

to direct nerve impulses from the foot to the brain and to send tactically sophisticated feedback to the muscles of the player. And so, in the brevity of the shot, the physics of foot and ball must fit perfectly."

You still have to pick a space in the net, something Messi struggles to do from penalties lately. Argentina teammates presented him with the opportunity to strike the winner against Iceland but the Barcelona forward failed for the

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SCIENTIST

fourth time in seventh penalty attempts for club and country.

Argentina was struggling to break down the tournament newcomers, and Messi knows scoring

would have changed the match.

"They would have opened a little more and we could have found more spaces," Messi said.

The tactical script is following the trend from four years ago at a rapid pace. Eleven percent of all goals in Brazil came from corner kicks, while 18 of the 32 headed goals were from set pieces.

"The importance of set pieces has increased tremendously and every team used this tactic as a valuable attacking tool in their game," FIFA's 2014 World Cup technical report concluded. "Defending teams tried to avoid any kind of free kick situations close to their penalty box, fully aware that they created danger. The vanishing spray also helped to ensure that there were no discussions, disruptions or encroachments at free kicks."

The new technology this time is VAR. Video assistant referees should ensure there are more free kicks, corners and penalties.

Video review gave Andreas Granqvist the platform to net from the spot for Sweden against South Korea on Monday as the number of penalties in Russia reached eight in 14 games. That is only two off the total in 48 group-stage fixtures in 2014.

Croatia benefited from a set-piece double in a 2-0 win over Nigeria: an own-goal coming from a corner and Luka Modric's penalty.

"We worked hard on those elements on the training ground," Modric said. There are no highlights of slick moves for the purists to pore over, but Croatia is top of its group ahead of Argentina.

"Corners and penalties are part and parcel of football," Dalic said. "It doesn't matter how you score, what matters is you score. There was some luck there, but we earned our luck. Of course we want to be more efficient on attack, but we are not going to split hairs about the way we scored."

Nigeria coach Gernot Rohr knows what he has to work on before facing Iceland next.

"This was not a question of tactics," Rohr said. "We played with four in the back because there were three strikers and the Croatian strikers are very strong. What we were missing ... was to be more professional on set pieces." AP

LATEST RESULTS

Russia	5	0	Saudi Arabia
Egypt	0	1	Uruguay
Portugal	3	3	Spain
Morocco	0	1	Iran
France	2	1	Australia
Peru	0	1	Denmark
Argentina	1	1	Iceland
Croatia	2	0	Nigeria
Brazil	1	1	Switzerland
Costa Rica	0	1	Serbia
Germany	0	1	Mexico
Sweden	1	0	Korea Republic
Belgium	3	0	Panama
Tunisia	1	2	England
Colombia	1	2	Japan
Poland	1	2	Senegal

Brazil's jailed former president criticizes national team

BRASIL'S jailed former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva made his debut as a football pundit, writing a column from behind bars in which he criticized Brazil's performance in the team's 1-1 World Cup draw against Switzerland.

"Qualifying is one thing. The World Cup is different," da Silva wrote in comments that were read by a reporter on the ex-president's Workers' Party TV on Monday.

"Switzerland was strong in

defense, playing rough, and didn't allow Brazil to perform," da Silva continued. "They also stopped Neymar by fouling him again and again."

Da Silva, known by his admirers as "Lula," began serving a 12-year sentence for corruption in April. He remains the Workers' Party's candidate for president in October's elections and he leads presidential preference polls, but he likely will be barred from running.

The former president can

still appeal his conviction, which he calls politically fabricated.

Da Silva also provided some analysis of other teams.

"The first week of the World Cup proves Germany is not unbeatable and, among the top players, only Cristiano Ronaldo proved his value," he wrote.

Germany lost 1-0 to Mexico in its opener in the tournament and faces a possible elimination game against Sweden this week. Ronaldo

scored three goals in Portugal's draw with Spain.

Da Silva warned Brazil for Friday's match against Costa Rica: "Be careful, because we all know one day the little David can defeat the giant Goliath."

Da Silva has used football metaphors and his love for Sao Paulo-based club Corinthians to prop up his popularity.

In a plea bargain signed last year, executives of construction company Odebrecht said they built Arena Co-

rinthians to open the 2014 World Cup as a gift to the former president. Da Silva also denies wrongdoing in that case. Corinthians still claims it is owed more than \$400 million for the stadium. AP





Japan's Yuya Osako (center) scores his side second goal

WORLD CUP 2018

Early penalty helps Japan beat Colombia 2-1

Brett Martel, Saransk

YUYA Osako had a surprise in store for those who gave Japan little chance of competing with Colombia at the World Cup.

Osako's gritty determination to set up one goal and his 73rd-minute header from Keisuke Honda's corner kick lifted Japan to a surprising 2-1 victory over the Colombians yesterday.

Osako won a bouncing ball to begin an early sequence that led to a penalty, put Colombia a man down and gave Japan a 1-0 lead when Shinji Kagawa converted from the spot.

Colombia had to play all but

the opening minutes with 10 men after Carlos Sanchez received a red card for blocking Kagawa's shot on goal with his extended right arm.

Colombia equalized late in the first half on Juan Quintero's rolling but accurate free kick, which sneaked inside the right post.

Japan became the latest side to pull off an upset at the World Cup, joining Mexico, Switzerland and Iceland in earning surprising results. This score line was particularly unexpected in light of the fact that Japan had changed coaches shortly before the tournament, and because no Asian team had ever previously defeated a South American side

in 17 World Cup meetings.

Not only was Osako instrumental in both goals, he sprawled to block a close-range shot by Colombia midfielder James Rodriguez in the waning minutes.

Not a bad way to provide joy to a country recovering from a deadly earthquake in Osaka a day earlier [see page 12]. The result also brought a smile to Japanese princess Takamado, who attended the match.

Colombia soundly defeated Japan 4-1 when the sides met in group play in Brazil four years ago, and the Japanese also began the game without Okazaki, a Leicester forward who has been trying to overcome a sore calf and was replaced in the starting

lineup by Osako. Okazaki did get in the game, but not until the 85th minute.

But it was apparent within minutes that the rematch would not go so smoothly for Colombia, much to the chagrin of entire sections of the Mordovia Are-

na bathed in yellow.

In the third minute, Osako won a bouncing ball from defender Davinson Sanchez and broke in alone toward goal. Goalkeeper David Ospina blocked Osako's shot, but Kagawa pounced on the rebound and quickly got off a shot on goal that drew Sanchez's red card and the penalty.

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Kagawa converted by directing his shot inside the right post.

Colombia began the game without Rodriguez, a Bayern Munich midfielder who was the leading scorer at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. But Rodriguez had been laboring with a sore left calf recently, casting doubt over his readiness to play.

He came on to join captain Radamel Falcao in the 59th minute, but his best chances were thwarted by Japan's desperate defending near the goal. AP

BIZARRE BEGINNING

WORLD CUP games are known for starting on time. But not this one. When the game was due to officially start, Falcao walked across to Japan's side of the field and spoke to referee Damir Skomina in a discussion that lasted beyond the official countdown to kickoff. When fans let

out the customary cheer to mark the beginning of the match, the teams were still standing still. Moments later, Skomina ordered both teams to change sides and the match commenced shortly after. Only minutes later came the wild sequence which set up the opening goal.

PREVIEW

Portugal can eliminate Morocco from tournament

Graham Dunbar, Moscow

CRISTIANO Ronaldo and Portugal can send Morocco to an early World Cup exit today. A second straight defeat would ensure elimination for the North African side which has not let an opposing player score in this World Cup campaign since 2015.

An own goal by Morocco forward Aziz Bouhaddouz in stoppage-time was decisive in a 1-0 loss to Iran last Friday in a game it mostly dominated.

"Because they lost the first game, Morocco will give everything. They have no other choice," Portugal forward Andre Silva said.

Portugal's opening 3-3 draw with Spain in a World Cup classic means Morocco must take at least one point before the Spanish play Iran in Wednesday's late game in Kazan.

That will mean stopping Ronaldo on the main stage of Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow after his irresistible hat trick in Sochi, including a stunning late

free kick.

The Morocco defense, however, is proven to be resilient. Anchored by Juventus center back Mehdi Benatia, the Atlas Lions kept six clean sheets in its African qualifying group. It was back in November 2015 that Morocco conceded a single goal to Equatorial Guinea in a two-leg qualifying round won 2-1 on aggregate.

"We're capable of winning the match," midfielder Faycal Fajr said, citing underdog Iceland's

1-1 draw against Argentina one day after Morocco's opener. "I always say, if there's a will, there's a way."

"Even after the defeat [to Iran] the atmosphere in the squad is still excellent," Fajr said.

Morocco will aim to convert any early pressure and scoring chances into goals this time, having wasted 13 attempts and 64-percent possession against Iran.

Forward Khalid Boutaib could get his chance to

start after Ayoub El Kaabi was preferred by coach Herve Renard in St. Petersburg.

Noureddine Amrabat is a selection doubt after sustaining a head injury

against Iran. Though he was reported to be taking a week-long break from training, the 31-year-old midfielder has been back in training working separately from the squad.

1986 CLASH ENDED IN DRAW

MOROCCO AND Portugal have been down this road before, in a 1986 World Cup group in Mexico. Facing three European opponents, Morocco drew

0-0 with Poland and England, then beat Portugal 3-1 in Guadalajara. Morocco topped that group to enter the Round of 16 and Portugal finished last.

opinion

Macau Matters

Richard Whitfield



YET ANOTHER URBAN PLANNING MESS

The Macau government recently announced that it will develop 2,000 public housing apartments on a waterfront lot near the Pousada Marinha Infante Hotel in Taipa. I believe that this decision is very misguided and reflects the very poor urban planning mentality in Macau.

In earlier articles in 2012, and again in 2013, I pointed out that the rest of the world moved on from building ghettos for poor people many years ago, but this mentality seems to be alive and well in Macau (and in Hong Kong, for that matter). Isolating the poor into low quality housing has proven to be disastrous – leading to poor self-esteem and increased mental and physical health problems, crime and gang problems and a rapid deterioration in the facilities due to poor maintenance. It has also contributed to disasters like the recent Grenfell Tower fire in London in which 71 people died.

Most advanced countries stopped building and began demolishing their poor people ghettos years ago. World's best practice is now to disperse poor people into the general community housing stock using government rent and home purchase subsidies. This much better approach lifts people out of poverty, gives them a sense of pride and reduces their concentration to minimize criminal and gang behavior.

The decision to use the proposed lot for residential housing, given that it is in the middle of an entertainment precinct, can also be questioned. I suspect that a well done shopping, entertainment and hotel complex would be a better alternative to complement the existing hotels and shopping venues in the area. Even a mixed use space that combines residential with commercial activities could be good – something along similar lines to the excellent Darling Harbor waterfront precinct in Sydney seems a suitable use for the area to me.

To me, one of the goals of good urban planning is to maximize the realized potential of different urban areas. Most places have very limited waterfront spaces and as a consequence they are highly valued for mixed entertainment, commercial and residential activities and this is not realized by turning them into public housing ghettos. Seac Pai Van and other public housing in Macau has been strongly criticized for its very poor design and low construction quality, and rightly so. The design of the complex is very unimaginative, the apartments are very small and poorly laid out and the outdoor areas are concrete wastelands.

To me, a much, much better approach would be to build something like a Darling Harbor that incorporates reasonable residential apartments and then keep a random selection of the apartments for public housing and sell the other apartments to the general population and use the revenue to buy random apartments scattered throughout Macau to also be public housing. This approach would minimize the community cost to provide public housing, give all socio-economic strata access to good quality housing and disperse poor people throughout Macau to maximize their self-esteem and minimize drug, gang and other problems.

I seem to spend half my life asking when we in Macau will get the high quality, innovative public servants that we pay for – again, and again, our current very well paid government "experts" show that they are not, in fact, experts. To repeat myself, we deserve better.

THE BUZZ ELECTRIC CARS ARE GOING TO SUCK UP 9 PERCENT OF WORLD'S POWER DEMAND

With batteries getting cheaper and governments promoting their use, electric vehicles are going to be sucking up a whole lot more of the world's power in coming years.

How much? About 9 percent of total global electricity demand by 2050 will come from vehicles, according to a report yesterday by Bloomberg New Energy Finance. That's up from about 0.2 percent now. In some places it will be even higher, like Germany, where the London-based research company

expects as much as 24 percent.

That growth is driven by battery prices that are expected to fall by two-thirds by 2030, as well as new time-of-use rate policies from utilities that encourage consumers to charge their cars when demand is low and power is cheap, according to BNEF.

"Prices have come down faster than we expected," Salim Morsy, a New York-based analyst at Bloomberg New Energy Finance, said in an interview. "Lower battery prices unlock more EVs."

Station	Air quality
Roadside	30-50 Good
High Density Residential Area	15-35 Good
Ambient	30-50 Good

SOURCE: DSMG



INDONESIA

Dozens missing after ferry sinks in Lake Toba

RESCUERS searching yesterday for dozens of people missing after a ferry sank on Indonesia's Lake Toba found bags, jackets, an ID card and other items in the waters but no new survivors, casting a tragic pall over holidays marking the end of the Muslim holy month.

Police said in a statement that 18 people were rescued and one body was recovered, unchanged from figures released by disaster and police officials after the ferry sank on Monday evening. It released the names of 94 people confirmed as missing but said the figure was expected to rise as information from relatives is compiled.

Cellphone video released by the National Disaster Mitigation Agency showed the crew of another ferry attempting to rescue people struggling in the waters shortly after the sinking but being hampered by bad weather and rough waters. Distraught relatives gathered at major ferry docks on the lake, hoping for news of missing family members.

Budiawan, the head of the search and rescue agency in the nearby city of Medan,



said the overcrowded boat was filled with an estimated 150 people and 55 motorbikes. Officials are relying on reports from the families of victims and survivors to estimate the number of victims. Budiawan, who uses one name, said the vessel did not have a passenger manifest.

Disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said the boat sank at about 5:30 p.m. Monday as it sailed from the mainland to an island.

A survivor identified by Indonesian television as Juwita Sumbayak said the vessel was rocked by high waves and was hit by a wooden boat before suddenly sinking.

"I was desperate. I was scared to death. I'm afraid my family is dead," she said, weeping.

The 1,145-square-kilome-

ter (440-square-mile) Lake Toba, formed out of an ancient super volcano, is a popular sightseeing destination on the island of Sumatra.

Tens of millions of Indonesians return to their hometowns and take holidays at the end of Ramadan.

The police statement said that on yesterday morning the search had found several bags, including one containing a cellphone and ID, jackets and other items of clothing as well as traces of oil and a blue bucket and Jerry cans suspected to be from the sunken ferry KM Sinar Bangun.

Ferry tragedies are common in Indonesia, an archipelago of more than 17,000 islands, with weak enforcement of safety regulations often to blame. AP

WORLD BRIEFS



PHILIPPINES The Supreme Court upheld the expulsion of its chief justice, the authoritarian president's highest-ranking critic, in a final ruling that critics warned is unconstitutional and threatens judicial independence and the country's democracy.



SAUDI ARABIA King Salman sacked the head of the country's entertainment authority after religiously conservative citizens took to social media to denounce a Russian circus show that included female performers in tightly-fitted attire, semi-official media reported yesterday.



SWEDEN The fatal shooting of three men in Malmö, Sweden's third largest city, was the latest incident in suburban feuds between criminal gangs fighting over territory or honor. More on p15



UN The number of countries involved in "violent conflicts" is the highest in 30 years, while the number of people killed in conflicts has risen tenfold since 2005, the U.N. secretary-general said yesterday.

Kazuo Kashio, co-founder of Casio of G-Shock fame, dies

KAZUO Kashio, one of four brothers who founded Casio Computer Co., the Japanese company behind G-Shock watches, has died at age 89.

Kashio, who was chairman and served previously as president, died at a Tokyo hospital on Monday of aspiration pneumonia, which is set off by breathing in food or liquids, the company announced yesterday.

Kashio is credited with making the calculator an everyday product through Casio Mini. He also helped popularize G-Shock, which has grown into an internationally recognized brand since its 1983 debut.

Kazuo Kashio succeeded his older brother Tadao, who served as Casio's second president. The first president was the brothers' father.

G-Shock still commands a following, 35 years later, despite the advent of smartphones and other devices that tell time and are making watches less of a must-have item.

It is still favored by people who praise its durability and accuracy.

Kazuo Kashio's favorite motto was that a company must keep reinventing itself to survive, pursuing "continual change."

"By breaking free from preconceptions and conventional notions, we have conceived



products that are truly needed and used our digital technologies to make them a reality," he said in one of his messages as chairman. "Products based on new ideas create new markets."

Kashio also worked on popularizing the digital camera QV-10, which went on sale in 1995. It introduced a screen on the back for previewing photographic images, now a standard feature in digital cameras.

A machine shop set up in 1946 by Tadao Kashio later evolved into Casio. But Casio had big ambitions, eyeing foreign markets from its early years. It started to export calculators in 1966, and overseas reception was positive. AP